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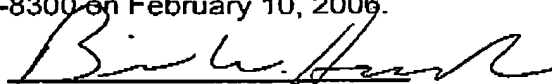
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated January 13, 2006 having a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire on February 13, 2006.

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner made a restriction requirement, under 35 U.S.C. §121, between Group I, Claims 1-3 and 10-16, and Group II, Claims 4-9, 17 and 18. Applicants elect the Group I Claims, 1-3 and 10-16, without traverse.